

# County Clerk Connection

4th Quarter 2008



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## New Quail Unlimited License Plate



Dan Ballard, Branch Mgr. of Registration, Jack Porter (Quail Unlimited), Obie Williams, Rick Hill, and Vehicle Regulation Commissioner, Dan Glass

Kentucky's new quail plate is part of a major effort to boost and restore bobwhite numbers in the state. Renowned Kentucky wildlife artist, Rick Hill, of Shelby County originally painted the image of two bobwhite quail for a poster to promote restoration efforts. The original has a unique Kentucky flavor, as the birds are perched near a traditional rock wall with a graying tobacco barn in the background. Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources designer, Obie Williams, adapted a portion of the painting for the new quail license plate. The full version of the painting will appear on the cover of the spring 2009 issue of Kentucky Afield, the official publication of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

### \*\*\*\*\* Our Mission: \*\*\*\*\*

*To provide you with a quarterly newsletter that presents articles for your review and enjoyment. To serve as a sounding board for you to discuss issues that challenge or trouble you. To invoke thought and encourage your input for future articles.*



# Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Emphasizes Child Passenger Safety

*Highway Safety Office Provides Free Child Safety Seat Inspections Statewide*

Kentucky mandated safety seats for children in motor vehicles in 1982 and this year added a booster-seat law – all to help drive down fatality and serious injury rates on the highways of the Bluegrass State,



but enacting safety laws is one thing. Making effective use of those laws is quite another.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that seven out of ten child safety seats are either the wrong size for the child or seriously misused, reducing their effectiveness in a crash. That alarming percentage is even higher in Kentucky. The Office of Highway Safety of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has found that 95

percent of Kentucky children are improperly restrained.

“Kentucky has had a child safety seat law for many years, and the new booster seat law further increases the safety of our youngsters,” said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather. “Unfortunately, too many parents are not familiar with the laws, or don’t know how to properly install or use a safety seat.”

In an attempt to turn the numbers around, the cabinet’s certified child passenger safety technicians fanned out across Kentucky in September, offering demonstrations and free safety seat inspections in ten cities.

Churches, day care centers, fire departments and car dealerships served as inspection locations. Parents were encouraged to come in to have child safety seats checked for proper installation and recalls. Safety tips were provided, along with information on the new booster seat law.

Kentucky’s car seat law applies to children 40 inches or shorter, regardless of age or weight. The BOOSTER SEAT BILL, which Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear signed into law in April, applies to children younger than 7 and between 40 and 50 inches in height.

The Governor lent his support to the safety seat inspection campaign with a news conference at the state Capitol and a public proclamation of September as Child Passenger Safety Month in Kentucky. “Laws are put into place because they are proven effective, but they will only be effective if they’re followed,” the Governor said. “We’re working to make sure all children riding in motor vehicles are properly secured in an appropriate seat – every trip, every time.”

When correctly installed, safety seats are 71 percent effective in reducing infant fatalities, 67 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization and 54 percent effective in reducing fatalities of children 1 to 4. A properly installed, belt-positioning booster seat lowers the risk of injury to children by nearly 60 percent, compared with seat belts alone.

For information about child passenger safety and Kentucky’s law, contact the Office of Highway Safety at 1-888-374-8768 or visit the Web site at <http://highwaysafety.ky.gov>



# Spotlight County Clerks

**Freddy W. Thompson** is in his second term as Clay County Clerk. He took office in January 2003, after operating a successful hardware business for 14 years. He later sold the business, devoting his energy to the clerk's position. A 1981 graduate of Clay County High School, he worked with his father selling mine supplies in Southeastern Kentucky and surrounding states, prior to entering the hardware business.



Freddy and his wife of 27 years, Lisa, are lifelong Clay County residents. They have a son and a daughter, Chad and Megan. Freddy's hobbies include bass fishing with his Dad and camping with family and friends. He is currently perfecting his smoked ribs recipe and building a huge smoker grill. Freddy loves his position as County Clerk and loves working one on one with the public, just as he has done his entire adult life.



**Carolyn M. Scott** started working in the Green County Clerk's office as a deputy clerk in January 1974 and held that position until January 2002. She was elected clerk and began those duties in January, 2003. The Clerk's Office has gone through

lots of changes in the past years, and these changes have been both challenging and fun. She considers it an honor to serve the people of Green County. She was born and raised in Green County, and is a graduate of Greensburg High School and Lindsey Wilson College. Carolyn has one son, J. W. Scott, a daughter-in-law, Michelle and two granddaughters. She attends Summersville Baptist Church, is a member of the Green County historical Society, DAR, Town and Country Homemakers, Democrat Woman's Club and Executive Board. Her family is a very important part of her life and her biggest support system. Her hobbies include reading, genealogy, and fishing.





## **MVL helps raise over \$2200 for KECC with a Golf Scramble**

*August 15~Duckers Lake Golf Course*

***Each year everyone in State Government works hard to raise money for over 100 charities through KECC (Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign). The Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing teamed up with Driver Licensing and Motor Carriers and held the first ever golf scramble for KECC which raised over \$2200.00***

**Volunteers who helped:**

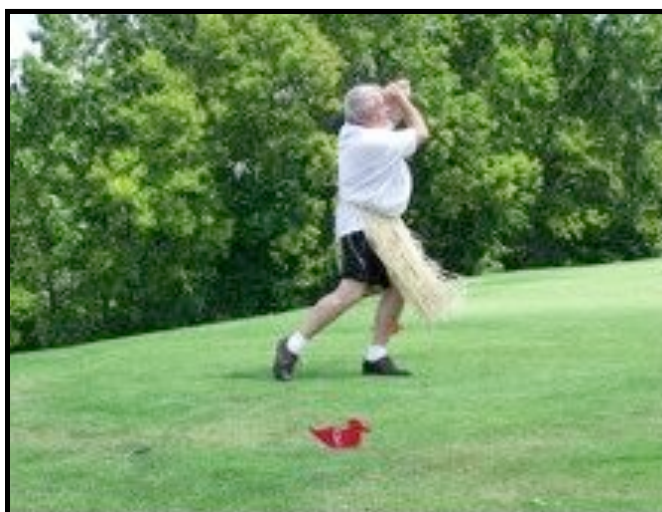


***Front row, left to right: Virgie Long, Sonia Diaz, Carrie Ross, Anja Bibb, Laura Edwards, Stacey Hiles. Back row, left to right: Mary Morris, Doug Marshall Mary Smith, and Larry Oberlin***

***Guys paid \$5 to wear a skirt and hit from the women's tee on hole # 9. Here are a few of the great photos:***



Steve Coffey



Pat Grugin



Brian Hiles



Willie Payton



Jeff Croley



Andy Sanders





**Steven L. Beshear**  
Governor

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**Joseph W. Prather**  
Secretary

**KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008-  
October 28, 2008**

WHEREAS, Governor Steve Beshear issued Executive Order 2008-824, dated August 5, 2008 relating to alternative electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary was to develop and implement standards by which certain alternative electric vehicles could operate upon Kentucky's highways; and

WHEREAS, many Kentuckians have purchased these alternative electric vehicles as a way to save energy costs and better protect the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph W. Prather, Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, pursuant to the authority vested in me by KRS Chapter 174, do hereby order the following:

1. Alternative electric vehicles, including those with three wheels and enclosed compartments or cabs, shall be considered to be a motor vehicle as defined in KRS 186.010(4) and shall be titled in accordance with KRS Chapter 186A and registered as a motor vehicle in accordance with KRS 186.050.
2. Alternative electric vehicles, including those with three wheels and enclosed compartments or cabs, shall meet or exceed federal safety standards for motorcycles, as defined in KRS 186.010 (15).



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3. A person may operate an alternative electric vehicle on a highway in this state if:
  - A. The posted speed limit of the highway is forty-five (45) miles per hour or less;
  - B. The operator does not cross a roadway at an at-grade intersection where the roadway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five (45) miles per hour unless the intersection is equipped with an electronic traffic signal;
  - C. The operator has a valid operator's license in his or her possession; and
  - D. The alternative electric vehicle has not been modified to increase its speed above its original standard manufactured limit.
4. An alternative electric vehicle operating on a highway shall be insured in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 by the owner or operator, and the proof of insurance shall be inside the vehicle at all times of operation on a highway.
5. An operator of an alternative electric vehicle operating on a highway shall comply with the traffic requirements of KRS Chapter 189 and shall be subject to the provisions of KRS Chapter 189A.
6. The above definitions and criteria specifically excludes golf carts and all-terrain vehicles.

The Department of Vehicle Regulation shall take action necessary to effectuate this Order immediately.

Signed this 28TH day of OCTOBER, 2008

  
Joseph W. Prather, Secretary



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Governor

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**Joseph W. Prather**  
Secretary

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Kentucky County Clerks

**FROM:** Dan Glass, Commissioner  
Department of Vehicle Regulation

**DATE:** October 29, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Alternative Electric Vehicles

In response to Governor Steve Beshear's Executive Order 2008-824, and Secretary Prather's Administrative Order allowing alternative electric vehicles to be titled and registered to operate on Kentucky roads with posted speed limit of not more than 45 miles per hour, you are hereby advised to:

- Register and title alternative electric vehicles with three or more wheels as motor vehicles
- Use OE in the cylinder field which will print "Electric Vehicle-Slow Moving" on the registration receipt
- Code vehicle make as follows; ZAP for ZAP vehicles, WDFR for Wildfire vehicles, and for any other alternative electric vehicle makes, please contact the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing's Help Desk

Please note that this Department will still not register nor title vehicles listed as Off-Road on their Manufacturers' Certificate of Origin. Additionally, the individuals seeking to register these electric vehicles must have valid operators' license and proof of insurance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing at (502) 564-5301 or (502) 564-2737.

**Cc:** Willie Payton  
Godwin Onodu



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Kentucky County Clerks

**THRU:** Willie Payton, Director *WP*  
Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing

**FROM:** Godwin Onodu, Assistant Director *geo*  
Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing

**DATE:** October 14, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Titling of Newly Assembled Replica Vehicles

This Division has been asked to clarify its position and requirements for titling replica vehicles. Specifically, the questions asked are:

- Should these vehicles assembled from 100% new parts be branded
- What year would be entered in the "year model" cell

Our position is that any replica vehicle assembled from 100% new parts should not be branded, provided the application for title is accompanied with a Certificate of Origin for the main kit. Although KRS 186A.072 specifically gives guidance on custom-built motorcycles, one could reasonably apply the same standard to newly built replica vehicles.

To answer the second question, the year the replica vehicle was assembled, or the year the Certificate of Origin was printed should be the year to enter in the AVIS as the model year. However, you should indicate in the "remarks" cell, "Replica Vehicle", and then enter the year the original vehicle was built. For an example, a 1965 Roadster assembled in 2008 should be listed as a 2008 year model, with a remark, 1965 Roadster Replica.

Please feel free to contact me at (502) 564-2737 if you have additional questions. Thanks.

Cc: Dan Glass  
Todd Shipp



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# Pulaski County Clerk Office Renovations

The Pulaski County Clerk's Office has recently been renovated. New layouts with signs have made it easier and more accessible for all customers. A lot of time and hard work went into their new layout. It looks great!



*Thanks!*

*Motor Carriers would like to thank all of the following County Clerk locations who attended the training this year.*

Clinton County  
Hardin County  
Hopkins County  
Kenton County  
Lawrence County  
Laurel County  
Nelson County  
Russell County  
Spencer County  
Taylor County  
Todd County  
Warren County  
Washington County

This training allowed Motor Carriers to provide County Clerks an update on the Unified Carrier Registration Program and how to support their customers on registering U-Drive-It and Commercial vehicles.



# ATV Safety

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) use has become popular for work and recreation. Unfortunately, research indicates a rise in fatalities and injuries involving ATVs, mostly due to driver misuse and inappropriate rider behavior. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kentucky is second in the nation with over 140 total reported ATV deaths from 2003 to 2006, and number one in the nation for ATV deaths age 21 and under.

## ATV Safety Tips

- ▶ Receive proper training on driving an ATV.
- ▶ Wear an approved helmet and protective clothing.
- ▶ Do not operate on paved roads and avoid unfamiliar terrain.
- ▶ Read the owner's manual carefully, and keep the ATV in good repair.
- ▶ Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV.
- ▶ Do not drive in adverse weather, hazardous terrain, or insufficient light.
- ▶ Do not take unnecessary risks such as performing stunts, driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or driving at excessive speeds.
- ▶ Children should never ride or be a passenger on an adult ATV, and should be supervised at all times.



Thirty-five percent of ATV related deaths involve people less than 16 years of age.\*  
Nearly one-half of all individuals injured in ATV crashes are under 16 years of age.\*

## Tips On Helmets

- ▶ Make sure the helmet is approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the American National Standards Institute, or the Snell Memorial Foundation.
- ▶ Make sure the helmet fits properly with comfortable padding, a seal around the ear, and a neck roll.
- ▶ Always fasten the chin strap so it doesn't come off in a crash.
- ▶ Helmets deteriorate with age and should be replaced after a maximum of five years (check manufacturer instructions.) Helmets must also be replaced if involved in a crash, or a dent or crack is visible.
- ▶ Helmets protect your eyes and ears from the wind, therefore helping you to see and hear better. (If your helmet does not have a face shield, wear goggles.) By reducing the amount of wind, you will also be less fatigued!
- ▶ If your helmet has a face shield, make sure it's easy to open, stays in position when raised, and does not distort your view.



Over one in five ATV injuries involved head injuries (concussions and brain injuries.)\*  
Over one-half of ATV injuries did not wear any type of protective equipment.\*

\*Source: Brain Injury Association of Kentucky



# Frequently Asked Questions



**Q: What is Kentucky's ATV law?**

**A:** "All-terrain vehicle" means any motor vehicle used for recreational off-road use. The law can be referenced at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/krs/189-00/515.pdf>.

**Q: What is Kentucky's ATV helmet requirement?**

**A:** Riders under age 16 must wear a helmet at *all times*. Riders age 16 and over must wear a helmet on public property.

**Q: Can I ride my ATV on the road?**

**A:** No. ATVs are not designed for use on roadways, and it is against the law. The only allowable situation for an ATV to be on the road is for agricultural reasons. The law allows farmers to get from one property to another if their property is divided by a road.

**Q: Does Kentucky register ATVs?**

**A:** No. Registration allows a vehicle to be used on public roadways. An ATV cannot be made "street legal" and therefore cannot be registered.

**Q: Is ATV rider training mandatory?**

**A:** ATV Training is not mandatory in Kentucky, unless ordered by a judge for violations.

**Q: Where can I find an ATV rider safety course?**

**A:** Call 1-800-887-2887 or visit [www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org) for the ATV RiderCourse<sup>SM</sup> nearest you.

**Q: Where can I find places to ride my ATV in Kentucky?**

**A:** Discover the Commonwealth with our Interest Finder at <http://tourism.ky.gov/interestfinder.htm>.

## Did You Know?



The top Kentucky counties in ATV deaths are Pike, Breathitt, Floyd, Harlan, Letcher, Clay, Leslie, Pulaski, Bell, Laurel, Perry, Trigg and Whitley.

**Kentucky Recreational Trails Authority**

<http://tourism.ky.gov/krtc>

**Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife**

<http://fw.ky.gov>

**Kentucky Sports Authority**

<http://kysportsauthority.com>

**Kentucky Department of Agriculture**

[www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com)

**For Additional Information:**

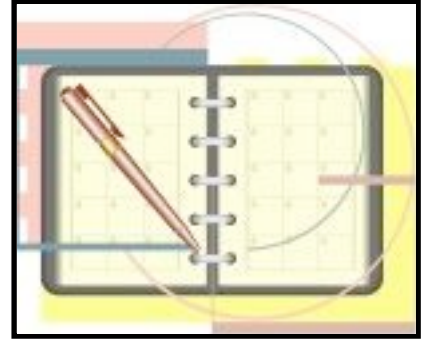
- **4-H Community ATV Safety Program:** [www.atv-youth.org](http://www.atv-youth.org)
- **American Academy of Pediatrics:** [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)
- **ATV Safety Institute:** [www.atvsafety.org](http://www.atvsafety.org)
- **Brain Injury Association of Kentucky:** [www.biak.us](http://www.biak.us)
- **Children's Safety Network:** [www.childrenssafetynetwork.org](http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org)
- **Consumer Product Safety Commission:** <http://www.cpsc.gov>
- **Farm Safety 4 Just Kids:** [www.fs4jk.org](http://www.fs4jk.org)
- **National Ag Safety Database:** <http://www.cdc.gov/nasd>

## Upcoming Dates

November 16-19 KCCA Conference at Griffin Gate Marriott

December 17 Griffin Gate Marriott - KCCA

For information about meetings and conferences, please contact Bill May at 502-227-2922, or [kcca@dcrc.net](mailto:kcca@dcrc.net)



### Jeff Atha Administrative Section Supervisor of Recap and Accounts Section Retires



After 27+ years of service with Kentucky State Government, Jeff Atha, Administrative Section Supervisor with the Recap and Accounts Section, retired October 1, 2008.

Jeff started work with State Government in the Department of Finance and later transferred to the Transportation Cabinet. After several years, he left the Cabinet and worked for a local insurance company and attended college, earning his degree in Public Administration from Kentucky State University. In 1984, Jeff returned to Transportation as a temporary worker. He later took a position as Chief Clerk. He moved up the ladder to his most current position, all within the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing. Jeff said that he has enjoyed his time here and will miss those he has been with since returning to MVL. He will miss all the interaction with the County Clerks and hopes he was helpful to them during his tenure.

He is looking forward to retirement and spending more time with his family. Jeff has been married to his wife, Lisa, for 22 years. They have two children; Erin, 20 (a junior at Murray State University) and Robbie, 16 (a junior at Franklin County High School).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*If you would like to have your birthday in the newsletter, please mail or email your information to the address on the back page.*

November 5 ~ Terri Dees ~ Supervisor of Rebuilds Section  
November 11 ~ Rick Woodside ~ Supervisor of Help Desk Section  
November 11 ~ Loretta Fowler ~ Branch Mgr. of Titles

# HELPFUL WEB SITES & 800 NUMBERS

## Vehicle Titles

1-800-244-9036

<http://mvl.ky.gov>

## Vehicle Registration

1-800-244-9410

<http://mvl.ky.gov/requirementpage.jsp>

## Government & Community Services

1-888-567-1373

<http://kycares.ky.gov>

### 7 Layer Bars (makes Approx 18-24)

#### Ingredients

1 Stick Margarine melted in pan.  
1 Cup Graham Cracker Crumbs  
1 Cup Angel Flake Coconut  
1 Can Burdens Condensed Milk  
1/2 Package Hersey's Milk Chocolate Chips  
1/2 Package Hersey's Butterscotch Chips  
1 Cup Of Your Favorite Chopped Nuts

#### Directions

Layer all ingredients in order listed in a 9x13 cake pan. Then bake at 350 degrees for about 20 min or untill it starts to pull away from the side of the pan. Let cool and then cut into squares. Very good but also rich.



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Wants your feedback.

Email us your thoughts & suggestions!

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